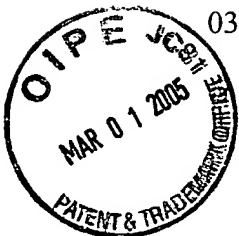


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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/723,976)	
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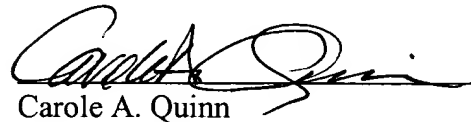
Applicants respectfully request a status of the above-identified application.

In this regard, the subject application was filed on November 28, 2000, and a Preliminary Amendment was filed on September 30, 2002. To date, however, no Office Action has been received for the application.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request an indication of when an Office Action is expected to issue.

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